

JOINT ANTELOPE VALLEY AUTHORITY
Citizen's Committee Meeting
January 3, 2003

Meeting Began at: 2:05 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Glenn Johnson
Citizen's Committee Members Present:	Randy Stramel, Delores Lintel, Mike Morosin, Pamela Manske, Beth Thacker, James Mastera, Jim Christo, Robert Campbell
Citizen's Committee Members Absent:	Luanne Finke
Others Present:	Bruce Sweney, Amy Cornelius, Wynn Hjermstad, Jack Lynch, Terry Uland, Roger Figard, Wayne Teten, Lynn Johnson

Order No. 03-01 - Call Meeting to Order -
Glenn Johnson called the meeting to order. Wynn Hjermstad requested that the agenda be adjusted so that she could present first.

Order No. 03-02 - Update on Housing Relocation Plan - Wynn Hjermstad
Wynn Hjermstad presented an update on the status of the Housing Relocation Plan. This was one of the original concerns that the neighborhoods had. One of the things that was pledged to the neighborhoods was housing relocation, not just people relocation in the waterway and roadway project area. A committee has been established to work on this and they are approximately 85% done. There are many issues involved in moving a house. Two main criteria that need to be considered is whether the house is structurally sound enough to move and where the funding sources are coming from. The committee work is still in draft at this point and there is not any thing definite yet. She stated all is going well with the committee work. There are good funding sources being identified and the process is being worked on as well. The committee will get back to the Citizen's group when things are finalized.

Randy Stramel inquired as to how many houses are projected to be acquired? Wynn thought that there was approximately 40 houses that will be impacted by the project and she is not sure how many will wish to be relocated. Terry Uland stated that there are a few categories involved. Some people will want to be relocated with their house, some will take the relocation benefits and leave a house that may have historical or architectural value, and others will have houses that are in poor condition and it is not cost effective to physically move the house. Wynn emphasized that certain houses with historical characteristics would be desirable to stay within the neighborhood. There are three houses,

by him in his neighborhood for relocation. He brought up concerns about which lots would be identified and/or available for those wishing to relocate their houses and that those residents wishing relocation should have first choice of lots. He also voiced concerns about having to make quick decisions without having time to do research. Wynn reiterated that lots have not yet been identified for relocation purposes. Terry indicated that he can not think of any situation where residents wishing relocation would be pressured to make decisions in an unreasonable time-frame. The point was made that once a house is moved, the house must be brought up to code. The process of moving a house is costly. Terry offered that the committee is very mindful of Mike's concerns. Wynn stressed that the committee cannot guarantee first choice on lots for housing relocation. There are many aspects that need to be considered including the market, what is best for the project and the neighborhoods. Mike indicated that he understood. Roger Figard pointed out that it was never the intention for acquired houses to be relocated between the creek and the roadway. The plan that was adopted suggests that everything between 21st and 22nd Street is to be incorporated as part of the park. Jim Christo asked for clarification that the Triplets were in addition to the seven houses that Mike was referring to. Wynn confirmed this was the case.

Randy stated that the RTKL study and report will have an impact on people's perception of what is a desirable house.

Order No. 03-03 -

Update on RTKL - Wynn Hjermstad

Wynn reported that the RTKL study is a re-development plan. The RTKL group has been here twice now and have gathered all the information they need. The next step was to evaluate all this information and compile a report and concepts that they will present in February. One of the different things about this study from those done in the past is that the market aspect is being closely looked at. There needs to be a close relationship between what is good for the city, land use, redevelopment and what is good for the neighborhoods and market use. One of the interesting things that came out of the visual preferencing is that people really liked the "Plaza retail" idea. However, the market people said that there really was not a market for that. It was hoped that there could be several splashy Antelope Valley "kick-off" projects and it is looking like that probably is not feasible due to timing with the flood plain issue. RTKL is planning on being in town February 17 & 18, 2003 and the three committees will continue to meet with them.

Terry commented on the phasing of problem property and street-scapes. He indicated that the ideas presented at the meeting seemed to be well received by those who attended. Wynn agreed saying that one of the goals has always been to strengthen the neighborhoods that are already there.

would not be able to see through it. So, the waterwall is being relocated to the other (east) side. Lynn Johnson added that another item being considered is to make the Waterfront a “destination”. Some activities that are being considered for the Waterfront are concert in the park, art shows, Jazz in June and July Jamm. Lynn stressed that the Waterfront is not intended to compete with places like Pinewood Bowl.

Lynn mentioned that within the next few months they will be looking at relocating Kukland pool. The pool is structurally deteriorating and is in need of repair. The current location is not considered the best as it mainly serves those living to the north. Lynn said they will be working with the neighborhoods to find a new location for the pool. Ideally, they would like to work the relocation of the pool along with the Antelope Valley project, even though it is not an Antelope Valley project.

Mike Morosin brought up concerns about policing the Waterfront area.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:25 p.m.